



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

**ROY WILKINS**

**PART 4 OF 11**

**BUFILE: 62-78270**

Section 4

Ray Wilkins

FBI

Date: 8/25/70

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SAC, New Haven

From: Director, FBI

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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
HARTFORD POLICE OFFICERS  
HARTFORD (HARTFORD CO.) CONNECTICUT  
UNKNOWN VICTIMS;  
ROY WILKINS - COMPLAINANT  
SUMMARY PUNISHMENT  
CIVIL RIGHTS

Enclosed are two copies of a self-explanatory Departmental letter dated 8/20/70,  
and two copies of its enclosures.

Complete the requested investigation in accordance with the provisions of Section  
27, Volume II, Manual of Instructions, and surep within seven  
days of the receipt of this communication.

State in the first paragraph of the details of your report that it contains the results  
of a ☐ limited investigation and underscore the word ☐ limited  
☐ preliminary ☐ preliminary

Advise ☐ all persons interviewed  
☐ appropriate officials at the outset that this investigation is being conducted  
at the specific request of the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Civil Rights Division,  
U. S. Department of Justice, referring to him by name as well as title.

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Remarks: It appears that the incidents referred to by the Department  
grew out of the disturbances that occurred in the Hartford,  
Connecticut area for several days beginning on or about  
7/28/70. Incorporate the enclosed telegrams from the com-  
plainant in your LHM as predications for inquiries conducted.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# Memorandum

TO : Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: **AUG 20 1970**  
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FROM : Jerris Leonard  
Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division

SUBJECT: Unknown Subjects: Department  
Hartford Police Officers  
Hartford (Hartford Co.) Connecticut  
Unknown Victims;  
Summary Punishment  
CIVIL RIGHTS

DJ 144-14-NEW

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Brennan	CD
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Walters	
Mr. Soyars	
Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

The Department of Justice has received allegations concerning the Hartford police and their handling of civil disturbances. In particular, we have received a complaint about the shooting of two Puerto Ricans.

Please monitor the situation, including but not limited to, obtaining copies of police reports, and newspaper articles. No interviews of victims or witnesses is being requested at this time.

Attached for your information are copies of telegrams recently sent to the Department.

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HON. JOHN N MITCHELL, ATTY GENERAL OF THE US

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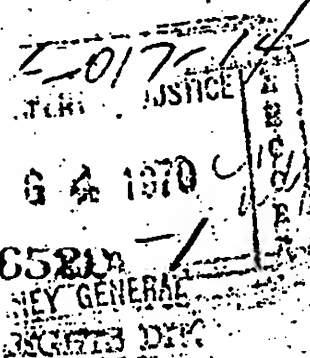
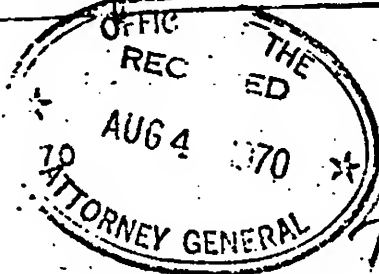
THE SERIOUS SITUATION IN HARTFORD, CONN., REFERRED TO IN MY  
TELEGRAM OF YESTERDAY IS MADE MORE SERIOUS BY THE RECENT SHOOTING  
OF THE PUERTO RICANS AND THE GENERAL SPECIAL PERSECUTION OF  
THE PUERTO RICAN COMMUNITY BY THE AUTHORITIES AND ESPECIALLY

THE POLICE OF HARTFORD

ROY WILKINS 1790 BROADWAY.

*New York, N.Y.*

*Complainant*



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HON JOHN N MITCHELL ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES

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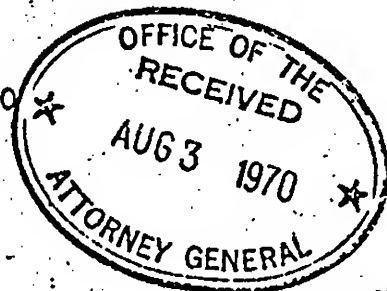
WE URGE THAT THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATE THE CONTINUED  
CIVIL DISORDER IN HARTFORD, CONN., AND ESTABLISHED OFFICIALLY  
THE CHARGE THAT UNDER COLOR OF LAWESTPDXXX LAW,

~~THE HARTFORD POLICE~~ HAVE ACTED IN REPEATED INSTANCES TO DEPRIVE  
NEGRO CITIZENS OF HARTFORD OF THEIR CIVIL RIGHTS. BLACK CITIZENS

ARE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN BEATEN BADLY EVEN WHEN THE CHARGE  
IS NO MORE SERIOUS THAN VIOLATION OF A LOCAL CURFEW. THE BELIEF  
IS WIDESPREAD IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY OF HARTFORD AND IN SIMILAR  
COMMUNITIES IN THE STATE THAT ~~THE HARTFORD POLICE~~ ARE USING  
EXCESSIVE FORCE IN A PUNITIVE MANNER. THE NAACP HAS CO-OPERATED  
WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS AND GROUPS AND HAS USED RADIO APPEALS FOR  
SANITY. ALL SUCH HAVE BEEN RENDERED ON NO FORCE AND EFFECT  
BY REPORTS OF FRESH ASSAULTS UPON INNOCENT BLACK CITIZENS.  
CITIZENS CHARGED WITH LOOTING MUST HAVE THEIR GUILT OR INNOCENCE  
DETERMINED IN COURT. EVEN THESE SHOULD NOT BE SUBJECT TO BRUTAL  
TREATMENT WHILE IN CUSTODY. THOSE NOT ARRESTED OR CHARGED WITH  
LOOTING IF BEATEN IN CUSTODY HAVE CLEARLY BEEN DEPRIVED OF THEIR  
CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS. A CONTINUATION OF THE HARTFORD DISTURBANCE  
COULD HAVE EXPLOSIVE RESULTS

ROY WILKINS 1790 BROADWAY  
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FBI

Date: 9/3/70

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (44-340) (C)  
*Police Department*SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
HARTFORD POLICE OFFICERS  
HARTFORD (HARTFORD CO.) CONNECTICUT  
UNKNOWN VICTIMS;  
ROY WILKINS - COMPLAINANT  
SUMMARY PUNISHMENT  
CIVIL RIGHTS

Re Bureau airtel, dated 8/25/70.

Enclosed are 5 copies of an LHM dated and captioned  
as above.1 cc  
by 6-94-c  
9-30-70  
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9-10-70  
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Special Agent in Charge

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9/10/70

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TO: SAC, NEW HAVEN, (44-340)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI <sup>EX-109</sup> 44-46522-2

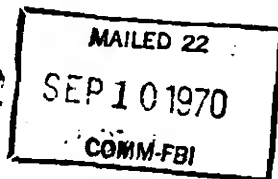
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, REC-64  
HARTFORD POLICE OFFICERS,  
HARTFORD (HARTFORD COUNTY),  
CONNECTICUT;  
ROY WILKINS - COMPLAINANT  
SUMMARY PUNISHMENT - CIVIL RIGHTS

Reurairtel and LHM dated 9/3/70.

Pages 19 and 20 of referenced LHM, which are xeroxed copies of a portion of the Hartford Police Department statistical information relating to this matter, were copied in such a manner that the time of each event is not shown. Prepare and furnish to the Bureau by return mail amended copies of page 19 and 20.

Agent and supervisory personnel should carefully review letterhead memoranda emanating from your office to insure that the data contained therein is complete. This will eliminate the need for further communication of this type.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
510 Trust Company Building  
New Haven, Connecticut 06510  
September 3, 1970

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
HARTFORD POLICE OFFICERS  
HARTFORD (HARTFORD CO.) CONNECTICUT  
UNKNOWN VICTIMS;  
ROY WILKINS - COMPLAINANT

This memorandum contains the results of a limited investigation.

Inquiries in this matter are predicated upon the following telegrams addressed to the Honorable JOHN MITCHELL, Attorney General of the United States, Justice Department, Washington, D. C.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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July 29 to July 30

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A characterization of the Black Panther Party will be found in the Appendix, attached hereto.

b7C On the afternoon of July 29, 1970, THOMAS VAUGHAN, Chief of the Hartford, Connecticut, Police Department, issued a statement to the press and to the public via radio and television that his men would be armed with shotguns that evening, and that they had orders to use them if necessary to protect themselves and the lives and property of residents of the North End of Hartford. He requested residents of that area to stay off the streets. Reports of developing trouble were received during the press conference. A former Hartford police officer [REDACTED] was acquitted of manslaughter in Superior Court in Hartford that afternoon. He had been charged with killing a Puerto Rican youth April 1, 1970, during a high-speed chase. The acquittal was unpopular with the Puerto Rican community, and they vowed vengeance.

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# Disorders Damages Worst Yet

By DAVE MCCARTHY  
Times Staff Writer

Damages incurred in five days of disturbances in Hartford are expected to exceed \$1.5 million, police reported today.

The estimate was made as police and fire officials began inspecting the disorder torn areas of the city and compiling a list of damages.

The damage report is expected to be completed by the end of this week.

If the \$1.5 million figure holds true, this year's disturbances will go down in record as the most serious in Hartford history.

Last September's disturbances have held the dubious record. Ninety-seven businesses were burned and looted and damages then totaled \$1.3 million.

Three hundred and twelve persons were arrested in connection with this year's disturbances. Of those, 16 were juveniles, police said.

Most of the juveniles—persons under 16 years of age—were arrested on charges of looting, breaking and entering and throwing stones and bottles at police, according to Lt. James M. Jordan, head of the Juvenile Division of the Hartford Police Department.

"On the other hand," Jordan said, "we have not had one juvenile arrested for curfew violation."

The most serious juvenile arrest of the past five days took place early Sunday morning, he said, when a 14-year-old Black Panther Party member was arrested on charges of conspiracy to commit murder, possession of

(Continued on Page 6)

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

HARTFORD

TIMES

Pages 3 & 6

Date: 8-4-70

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Author:

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APPENDIX**BLACK PANTHER PARTY, aka  
Black Panther Party for Self-Defense**

According to its official newspaper the Black Panther Party (BPP) was started during December, 1966 in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by BOBBY GEORGE SEALE, BPP Chairman, and HUEY P. NEWTON, BPP Minister of Defense. NEWTON is presently serving a sentence of two to fifteen years on a conviction of manslaughter in connection with the killing of an Oakland police officer.

The official newspaper, "The Black Panther," which further describes itself as the "Black Community News Service," stated that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to in the publication as "pigs" who should be killed.

"The Black Panther" issue of September 7, 1968, contains an editorial by BPP Minister of Education, GEORGE MASON MURRAY which ends with the following:

"Black Men. Black people, colored persons of America, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is revolutionary culture. Change, Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black Power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere!"

Included in the introduction to an article appearing in the October 5, 1968, edition of "the Black Panther" is the statement, "...We will not dissent from American Government. We will overthrow it."

Issues of the "Black Panther" regularly contain quotations from the writings of Chairman MAO Tse-tung of the People's Republic of China and feature MOA's statement that "political power grows out of the barrel of a gun."

The national headquarters of the BPP is located at 3106 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, California. Branches have been established at various locations throughout the United States.

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Date: 9/17/70

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (44-340) (C)

*Police Department*  
 SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
 HARTFORD POLICE OFFICERS  
 HARTFORD (HARTFORD COUNTY),  
 CONNECTICUT;  
ROY WILKINS - COMPLAINANT  
 SUMMARY PUNISHMENT - CIVIL RIGHTS

*COND*  
 Re Bureau airtel to New Haven, dated 9/10/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 5 copies each of  
 amended pages 19 and 20 of LHM, dated 9/3/70 to be  
 inserted in this LHM, per Bureau instructions.

*placed in LHM  
 of 9/2/70 or 9/30/70  
 by [redacted]*

*1cc CRU  
 CRD 694C  
 9/30/70 [redacted]*

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App. **5 OCT 27 1970**  
 Special Agent in Charge

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Date: **11/13/70**Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Priority)TO: SAC, **New Haven (44-340)**

From: Director, FBI

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**UNSUBS; EX-103**  
**HARTFORD POLICE OFFICERS,**  
**HARTFORD (HARTFORD COUNTY), CONNECTICUT;**  
**ROY WILKINS - COMPLAINANT**  
**SUMMARY PUNISHMENT - CIVIL RIGHTS**

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☒ appropriate officials at the outset that this investigation is being conducted  
 at the specific request of the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Civil Rights Division,  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM : Jerris Leonard  
Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division

SUBJECT: Police Department  
Unknown Subjects;  
Hartford Police Officers  
Hartford (Hartford County), Connecticut;  
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Tele. Room	
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Miss Gandy	

Reference is made to your report dated September 3, 1970, at New Haven. Particular reference is made to page 18 of that report.

Please conduct the following investigation.

- (1) Obtain a copy of the report of the autopsy performed on victim Gonzalez.
- (2) Obtain copies of police records of the investigation of Gonzalez's death.

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FBI

Date: 11/20/70

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (44-340) (P)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS; Hartford Police <sup>DEPARTMENT</sup> Officers  
(Hartford County) Conn.  
ROY WILKINS - COMPLAINANT  
SUMMARY PUNISHMENT - CIVIL RIGHTS

Re: Bureau airtel, 11/13/70.  
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On 11/20/70, [redacted] Hartford County  
Coroner's Office, 95 Washington Street, Hartford, Conn., made  
available a xerox copy of a Medical Examiner's Report to Coroner  
in the death of EFRAIN GONZALEZ in Hartford, Conn., on 7/31/70,  
together with other correspondence pertinent to the pending  
Coroner's Inquest into the GONZALEZ death. She advised that  
the autopsy performed on GONZALEZ at St. Francis Hospital has not  
been received from the Medical Examiner's Office,

[redacted] Hartford, Conn., advised that  
the Inquest will probably be held about mid-December, 1970.

[redacted] furnished a  
xerox copy of the autopsy performed on victim GONZALEZ, on 8/1/70.

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Approved: C. E. W.  
Special Agent in Charge

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[REDACTED] Hartford, Conn., Police Department, advised that his department's investigation into the GONZALEZ shooting has been completed and will be made available at the conclusion of the Coroner's Inquest. (b)(6)

The New Haven Office will maintain contact with the Hartford County Coroner's Office and following the Coroner's Inquest, will prepare an LHM incorporating the autopsy and the Hartford Police Department report conducted in this matter.

12/28/70

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TO: SAC, New Haven (44-340)

FROM: Director, FBI

UNSUBS; HARTFORD POLICE OFFICERS  
(HARTFORD COUNTY) COMM.  
ROY WILKINS - COMPLAINANT  
SUMMARY PUNISHMENT - CIVIL RIGHTS

Reurairtel 11/20/70 and Buairtel 11/13/70.

If not already done, by return mail submit results  
of all investigation conducted to date pursuant to Department's  
request contained in reBuairtel.

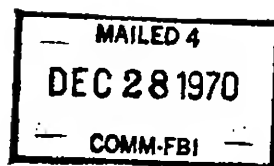
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 12/29/70

FROM : *COV/HB*  
SAC, NEW HAVEN (44-340) (P)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS; Hartford Police Officers  
(Hartford County) Conn. *POLICE DEPARTMENT*  
ROY WILKINS-COMPLAINANT  
SUMMARY PUNISHMENT-CIVIL RIGHTS

Re New Haven airtel, 11/20/70. *pub*

*(b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(D)*  
[REDACTED] 95 Washington Street,  
Hartford, Connecticut, advised that the Coroner's  
inquest into the death of EFRAIN GONZALEZ was held on  
12/21-22/70. She advised that many witnesses appeared  
and much testimony was taken during the two day hearing  
and consequently the report will not be completed until  
the later part of January 1971.

The New Haven Office will maintain contact  
with the Coroner's Office at Hartford and will review  
and report the findings when available.

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2/4/71

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (44-340) (P)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS; Hartford Police  
Officers (Hartford County)  
Conn. ROY WILKINS -  
COMPLAINANT  
SUMMARY PUNISHMENT -  
CIVIL RIGHTS

ReBuairtel 12/28/70 requesting New Haven to submit results of investigation conducted to date and New Haven letter 12/29/70, advising that the inquest into the death of EFRAIM GONZALEZ had been held and the findings would be reported as soon as available.

The New Haven Office will maintain liaison with the Coroner's Office at Hartford, Conn. and will report results of requested investigation immediately upon receipt of this report.

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② - Bureau  
2 - New Haven

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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Date: 3/4/71

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (C)(44-340)  
SUBJECT: UNSUBS;  
HARTFORD POLICE OFFICERS,  
HARTFORD (HARTFORD COUNTY), CONNECTICUT  
ROY WILKINS-COMPLAINANT  
SUMMARY PUNISHMENT-CIVIL RIGHTS

Re: Bureau airtels 11/13/70 and 12/28/70  
New Haven letters 11/20/70, 12/29/70 and 2/4/71

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of an LHM  
concerning captioned matter.

No further investigation being conducted by the NHO.

2 - Bureau (Encl. 2) (RM)  
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ROY WILKINS - COMPLAINANT  
SUMMARY PUNISHMENT - CIVIL RIGHTS

Re: New Haven airtel 3/4/71.

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of a letter-head memorandum reflecting receipt of a letter on 3/24/71 from AUSA F. MAC BUCKLEY, of Hartford, Connecticut.

In view of the fact that an investigation has been conducted in this matter, the enclosed is submitted for completion of Bureau files.

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New Haven, Connecticut

March 25, 1971

**UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
HARTFORD POLICE OFFICERS,  
HARTFORD (HARTFORD COUNTY), CONNECTICUT;  
ROY WILKINS - COMPLAINANT**

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Attached hereto is a letter dated February 25, 1971, written by [REDACTED] Attorney, and addressed to Assistant United States Attorney F. MAC BUCKLEY, Hartford, Connecticut, who sent it to the New Haven Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The letter is self-explanatory. (b)(6)

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FROM: Director, FBI

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By return mail, forward an LHM to the Bureau setting forth the efforts made and the numerous contacts by your office to obtain the information requested in the Departmental memorandum dated 11/10/70.

Also furnish two additional copies of your LHM dated 3/4/71.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (44-340) (C)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
HARTFORD POLICE OFFICERS  
HARTFORD (HARTFORD COUNTY), CONNECTICUT;  
ROY WILKINS - COMPLAINANT  
SUMMARY PUNISHMENT  
CIVIL RIGHTS

Re: Bureau airtel dated 4/5/71.

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of an LHM detailing efforts made to obtain information in captioned matter, together with two copies of New Haven Office LHM dated March 4, 1971. Also enclosed for the Bureau are two newspaper clippings pertaining to the GONZALEZ shooting and a news item concerning the University of Connecticut Law Clinic.

For the information of the Bureau, [REDACTED] the attorney who directed a letter to AUSA F. MAC BUCKLEY, Hartford, Connecticut, on February 25, 1971, relative to the FERRIN GONZALEZ case. [REDACTED]

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The "Hartford Courant", a morning newspaper published daily in Hartford, Connecticut, carried a story on page one, October 22, 1970, stating that law students from the University of Connecticut were suing city and state law enforcement officials for the right to carry a Viet Cong flag in protest against Vice President SPIRO AGNEW's visit to Hartford. One of the students placing suit was (b7C)

[REDACTED] An attorney for [REDACTED]

The "Hartford Courant", on page one on October 23, 1970, carried an item stating that the University of Connecticut law students had won the right to carry the Viet Cong flag, as they were granted a temporary restraining order which prevents city police from arresting them on illegal flag charges. The order was approved by United States District Judge M. JOSEPH BLUMENFELD.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General  
**CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION**

DATE: **4/20/71**

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: **UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
HARTFORD POLICE OFFICERS  
HARTFORD (HARTFORD COUNTY), CONNECTICUT;  
ROY WILKINS - COMPLAINANT  
SUMMARY PUNISHMENT  
CIVIL RIGHTS**

Reference is made to my memorandum dated 3/9/71  
(your file DI 144-14-220 (WH))

There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special  
Agent a memorandum dated 4/9/71  
at New Haven.

A. ☐ This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. ☐ The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C. ☐ The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. ☐ Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.

E. ☐ Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

F. ☐ This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.

G. ☒ This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

H. ☐ This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

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NOTE:

The enclosed confirms information furnished to [REDACTED] by SA [REDACTED] on 4/20/71. Reference is also made to the following prior communications regarding this matter: your letter dated 2/20/70; my memorandum 9/3/70, at New Haven, your letter of 11/10/70; my memorandum dated 3/4/71, at New Haven containing police report and report of local inquest (dated 2/26/71) which were not received from local officials until 2/2/71. (b)(7)





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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New Haven, Connecticut 06508  
April 9, 1971

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
HARTFORD POLICE OFFICERS  
HARTFORD (HARTFORD COUNTY), CONNECTICUT  
ROY WILKINS - COMPLAINANT

This memorandum contains the results of a limited investigation.

On November 20, 1970, [REDACTED] Hartford County coroner's office, 95 Washington Street, Hartford, Connecticut, made available a Xerox copy of a "Medical Examiner's Report to Coroner" in the death of EFRAIN GONZALEZ in Hartford, Connecticut, on July 31, 1970, together with other correspondence pertinent to the pending coroner's inquest into the GONZALEZ death. [REDACTED] advised that the autopsy performed on GONZALEZ at St. Francis Hospital has not been received from the medical examiner's office.

[REDACTED] Hartford, advised that the inquest will probably be held about mid-December 1970.

On November 20, 1970, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Hartford, Connecticut, furnished a Xerox copy of the autopsy performed on victim GONZALEZ on August 1, 1970.

On November 20, 1970, [REDACTED] Police Department, Hartford, Connecticut, advised that his department's investigation into the GONZALEZ shooting has been completed and will be made available at the conclusion of the coroner's inquest.

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HARTFORD POLICE OFFICERS  
HARTFORD (HARTFORD COUNTY), CONNECTICUT  
ROY WILKINS - COMPLAINANT

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[REDACTED] advised (b)(7)(C), (D)  
that the coroner's inquest into the death of EFRAIN  
GONZALEZ was held on December 21-22, 1970. She advised  
that many witnesses appeared and much testimony was  
taken during the two day hearing and consequently, the  
report will not be completed until the latter part of  
January 1971.

On February 1, 1971, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

On March 2, 1971, [REDACTED] made available  
a copy of the "Record of Inquiry Held on the Body of  
EFRAIN GONZALEZ Who Died July 31, 1970 at Hartford,  
Connecticut".

On March 2, 1971, [REDACTED]  
Police Department, Hartford, Connecticut, made available  
a twelve page "Summary of the Death of EFRAIN SEGARRA  
GONZALEZ" dated August 12, 1970, together with a document  
dated August 24, 1970, on the subject, "Research Information  
Pertaining to Shooting on Seyms Street".



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New Haven, Connecticut 06508

March 4, 1971

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HARTFORD POLICE OFFICERS  
HARTFORD (HARTFORD COUNTY), CONNECTICUT  
ROY WALKERS - COMPLAINANT

This memorandum contains the results of a limited investigation. b7c

On November 20, 1970, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Hartford County Coroner's Office, 95 Washington  
Street, Hartford, Connecticut made available the following  
copy of the "Medical Examiner's Report to Coroner":

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# Gonzalez Death Report Stirs Criticism of Police

By W. EDWARD WENDOVER

The Greater Hartford chapter of the Connecticut Civil Liberties Union and a Hartford minister have criticized Hartford police for their activities during city disturbances last summer. The police were particularly criticized for their involvement in the death of Efraim Gonzalez, which was investigated by the state coroner.

In a report released Wednesday, State Coroner Irving L. Aronson absolved Hartford police of criminal responsibility in the fatal shooting of Gonzalez on July 31, but said the shot that struck Gonzalez in the chest was fired by a policeman. Aronson also recommended that lawmen discontinue the use of shotguns as mob control weapons.

"This (coroner's) report indicated the lack of organization and administration in the Hartford police department," the Hartford CCLU chapter said in a statement released Friday.

"It was the general opinion of the community leaders that police department officials have very poor control of officers in the street during times of crisis," the statement said.

The CCLU statement also criticized police for making no public announcement of any investigation into the Gonzalez death.

"We are against indiscriminate use of shotguns by police," the CCLU statement said. "Violence begets violence—there will be an equal reaction from the people on the streets."

"We note the escalation of violence each summer," the CCLU said. "What is the City Council going to do to try and preclude this type of thing next summer?"

The CCLU statement also said some people believe the police department control of annual

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on the streets is lax. "This indicates negligence and poor administration," the CCLU statement said.

Minister Criticizes

The Rev. Charles Pickett, an Episcopal minister to the Spanish-speaking community, also criticized the coroner's findings. "The (coroner's) report is not only strange it's downright shocking," Pickett said.

"One can hope and pray that responsible citizens will not accept this report as final but that they will demand an impartial, thorough and proper investigation of the whole matter," Pickett said.

"I urge all those who value law and order with justice to protest (this report) in a legal, peaceful, and non-violent manner," Pickett said.

"No one can be safe on our streets until this is clarified," he said. "It's not merely a matter of black people and Puerto Ricans in the North End."

"Had the victim been a prominent citizen, one suspects the report would have been quite different," Pickett said. "Mr. Gonzalez's crime was that he was a Puerto Rican on the wrong street in the wrong city at the wrong time," he said.

# Recommended Fund Halt Upsets

## Students at UConn Law Clinic

Personnel at the University of state statute, which had been Connecticut law clinic fear that repealed by the General Assembly Gov. Meskill's budget recom- mended to stop funding their. Clinic representatives repre- sented the man and were grant- ed a temporary restraining or- der prohibiting further arrests and Harbaugh say is way off.

The governor, in his Feb. 16 under the statute. The case is recommended now being reviewed by a three- state funding the program, "we are sowing the seeds of our own destruction." The clinic is also serving as co-counsel in a case on behalf of imprisoned antiwar priests Paul- ip and Daniel Ferrigan.

Some who can't afford to hire a lawyer.

"This clinic costs \$100,000 and draw headlines but according to Harbaugh make up less than 2 per cent of the clinic's business. Harbaugh said that the clinic has in fact defended more sta- tutes in the past year than it has attacked.

According to a report pre- pared by the clinic, the pro- gram's 1970-71 budget is about \$35,000 and only \$10,000 of that comes from the state. The state also provides office space at the UConn Law School in West- Hartford and use of telephones which associate professor Jo- seph Harbaugh, director of the clinic, estimates at an addition- al \$1,250 a year. The remaining \$23,600 comes from a Ford Foundation grant.

As for the governor's apprais- al of the program as nothing more than an agency to attack governmental institutions, the clinic personnel feel this shows Gov. Meskill really hasn't stud- ied their program.

300 Cases Handled

The report prepared by the clinic showed that 300 cases had been handled since the begin- ning of the school year in Sep- tember.

Of that number, five cases in- volved challenges of federal, state or municipal ordinances.

In April, clinic representatives served as co-counsel for the Anti-Aircraft Conspiracy, an an- tiwar group trying to get a per- mit to use Bushnell Park for a rally. City officials tried to block the rally but a U.S. Dis- trict Court ruled in favor of the demonstrators and stated that the city officials were violating the first Amendment's rights by trying to stop them.

Later in the year, a man was arrested for waving a Viet Cong flag at a demonstration when Vice President Agnew came to Hartford. The man was charged

with drawing money. Fitzgerald's letter to the gov- ernor also cited the cost of the state at \$100,000, the same fig- ure the governor used in his budget message, which Sacks- end Harbaugh say is way off.

Fitzgerald said that by the state funding the program, "we are sowing the seeds of our own destruction." Fitzgerald and representa- tives of the clinic have opposed each other several times.

While Harbaugh will point to the small number of constitu- tional cases actually handled, no one at the clinic uses that re- cord to defend their actions in those five "unpopular" cases.

"The government should have interest in seeing the Constitu- tion upheld," said legal intern Atty. Steve St. Clair.

"It's become unpatriotic to defend the Constitution," stu- dent Ellen Lubell said with a look of bewilderment and dis- gust.

The small number of civil rights actions are complement- ed by a large number of cases on behalf of prisoners. More than half the clinic's cases involve counseling those challenging convictions, motions protesting the type of imprisonment and other cases dealing with con- victs.

All cases handled by the clin- ic, both civil and criminal in- volve those who can't afford a lawyer. It's a service those at the clinic feel is sorely needed because of the work load facing public defenders and neighbor- hood legal services.

Only 4 per cent of those repre- sented by the clinic have had to go to jail and in 65 per cent of their cases charges have been nolledd, according to the clinic report.

As for the educational benefit, the students feel they are get- ting experience they could never get in a classroom; experi- ence that will be vital after graduation.

But the program has a great- er value to the students, accord- ing to Miss Lubell, in that it sensitizes them to the problems of the poor.

Atty. Marjorie Gelb, a legal intern, agreed. "A lot of stu- dents have told me they weren't interested in this type of work before but now they think it's important."

# Shotgun Use By Police Is Supported

By THOMAS J. BREEN  
Times Staff Writer

Both the Hartford city manager and the police chief back the continued use of shotguns by police in "grave" situations, despite criticism from the Hartford County coroner.

"I will continue to authorize the use of shotguns but only under grave circumstances," said City Manager Elisha Freedman, reacting to a suggestion from Coroner Irving L. Aronson that use of shotguns to quell riots be discontinued.

Aronson, earlier this week, absolved the Hartford police of any criminal responsibility in the shotgun killing of Efraim Gonzales, 23, a north end man shot to death by police fire July 31 during Hartford disturbances.

He said the pellets that killed Gonzales were fired from a police shotgun while Gonzales walked peacefully along Seyms Street with his brother.

Aronson, in recommending that shotguns not be used, cited the wounding of an 11-year-old girl who was shot in the arm after pellets came through her window in the north end during the same disturbances. He said a shotgun has a spraying effect, scattering 261 bullets in a single blast.

Police Chief Thomas J. Vaughan, concurring with Freedman, said he would use shotguns again "if the situation called for it."

"When the lives of your officers are in danger, and they must protect their own lives from snipers, then they will have shotguns."

Both the city manager and chief expressed concern for the safety of innocent persons, but neither saw any other

## Police Gun Use To Be Continued

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means of controlling a riotous situation.

Freedman said he would authorize only the use of birdshot for the shotguns, a milder ammunition than some other pellets.

At normal times, the manager said the shotguns "are under lock and key" at police headquarters.

He said several other metropolitan cities have taken to the use of shotguns "at any time" but that he did not foresee a similar occurrence in Hartford.

"Who would have thought we'd come to this?" Freedman asked to no one in

particular, circling his cluttered desk at City Hall.

Hartford policemen normally are armed with .38 caliber revolvers.

Hartford police union, which represents some 400 policemen, referred to Gonzales' death as "a tragic thing."

But, said Det. William L. Kearns, "the police are trying to protect themselves and the city."

Shotguns, Kearns said "have a psychological affect" on rioters.

"I think that just the sight of a shotgun being raised will stop bottle throwing and sniper fire during disturbances," Kearns said.

The detective admitted the shotgun's spraying effect but he, too, saw no other way to protect the city in a riot.

Meanwhile, the Gonzales' estate has instituted legal action against the city as has a North End woman who claimed she was slightly wounded from shotgun fire while sitting in her living room.

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